



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Lothar Steidler

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of July 17, 2008, and in conjunctions with the contemporaneously filed Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 10 of this paper.